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PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Yoichiro Asato  
Serial No. : 09/831,328  
For : DATA RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
Filed : May 7, 2001  
Examiner : Nguyen, Huy Thanh  
Art Unit : 2878

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.  
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

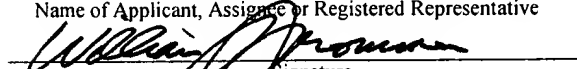
(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	17	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	*** = 3	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0.00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☒ This response is being filed within the first month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a one-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$120.00, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☒ petition for extension of time, is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

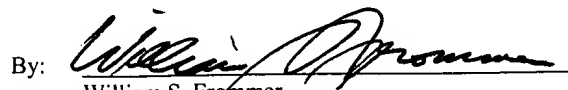
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Signature  
December 2, 2005  
Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office  
Action mailed on August 11, 2005, having an extended statutory period for response set to expire  
on December 12, 2005. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 as payment of the  
extension-of-time fee. Please consider the following amendments and remarks/arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.